

[Mr. A. Gopala Menon]

promotion and not by fresh recruitment. As regards the others, the principle of communal representation is being gradually enforced and there are now ten Ezhavas in the graduate scale.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know from the honourable member whether there was any recent application for employment in the Education Department?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There are one or two.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnathur*) May I know, Sir, whether there is any minimum qualification fixed by the Department for appointment in the Education Department?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It depends upon the grade. For each grade of appointment, separate qualifications are prescribed.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether communal representation is accepted irrespective of qualifications?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It is not.

Government Mint at Trivandrum.

19. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(a) whether they have got down any machines during the current year for the use of the Government Mint at Trivandrum;

(b) the amount spent on those machines;

(c) whether the Mint is now fully equipped for minting all Travancore coins; and

(d) if so, why is it that Government have made arrangements with the Government Mint at Bombay for the coining of Chitras to the value of three lakhs of rupees?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Rs. 29,489-15-7.

(c) The Mint is now equipped for minting only copper coins.

(d) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

Machine for the manufacture of drainage pipes.

20. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnathnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have purchased the necessary machines for the manufacture of drainage pipes; if so, when was it purchased and at what cost and where the machine is now kept;